

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 92-053-C - ORDER NO. 92-211  
MARCH 23, 1992

IN RE: Application of Savannah Cellular	)	ORDER GRANTING
Limited Partnership for a Certificate	)	CERTIFICATE OF
of Public Convenience and Necessity.	)	PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
	)	AND NECESSITY FOR
	)	INTERIM AUTHORITY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of an application of Savannah Cellular Limited Partnership (the Company) requesting issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a cellular radio telecommunications system in portions of Jasper and Beaufort Counties. The Applicant has applied to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and has been granted interim authority to operate within South Carolina RSA No. 8. The Applicant seeks only interim authority from this Commission and alleges that this interim authority will expire when the FCC granted authority terminates.

The Company's January 16, 1992 application was filed pursuant to S.C. CODE ANN. §58-11-100 (1976), as amended, and/or R.103-821 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. By letter dated February 3, 1992, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish a prepared Notice of Filing, in

newspapers of general circulation, in the affected areas, one time, and to provide the Commission's Executive Director with proof of publication on or before February 28, 1992. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Company's application and advised all interested parties desiring participation in the scheduled proceeding of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings. The Company was likewise required to notify all customers affected by the proposed rates and charges. On February 18, 1992, the Applicant filed the proper Affidavits of Publication.

The Applicant has also filed with this Commission a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) document, indicating that Savannah Cellular Limited Partnership has received interim authority from the FCC to provide service in the South Carolina RSA No. 8.

No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were received with regard to this filing. The Company thereafter moved for consideration of its Application without a hearing. This motion was granted.

The Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Company is a Georgia limited partnership of which Georgia Metronet, Inc., a Georgia Corporation, is the 96% owner and general partner. Georgia Metronet is a wholly owned subsidiary of GTE Mobile Communications, Inc., a subsidiary of GTE.

2. The Applicant is the holder of the non-wireline cellular license for the Savannah Metropolitan Statistical Area.

3. Currently there is no licensed non-wireline cellular provider for South Carolina RSA No. 8. The Applicant has therefore applied to the Federal Communications Commission and been granted interim authority to operate within South Carolina RSA No. 8. The extension of service being proposed would not involve the construction of additional cell sites in RSA No. 8, but would be accomplished by increasing the coverage of existing cell sites in the Savannah MSA.

4. Applicant seeks the authority from this Commission to operate on an interim basis within portions of Jasper and Beaufort Counties within RSA No. 8, said portions of those counties which will be served having been shown more specifically in the FCC Application and Exhibits filed with this Commission.

5. Applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide the services for which authority is sought. The parent of the general partner is GTE with consolidated revenues for 1990 of \$21 billion. It has substantial cellular operations with an excess of 650,000 cellular customers. GTE or its subscribers currently operate several cellular systems in South Carolina, including Charleston MSA, Augusta-Aiken MSA, Florence MSA, and RSA No. 6.

6. Applicant's proposed tariff is just and reasonable.

7. The authority sought by this application is interim authority only and will expire when the FCC terminates the interim authority granted.

8. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as requested by the Company should be granted. The Company should be allowed to apply its tariff as filed to the service that it shall render in RSA No. 8.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application of Savannah Cellular Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for interim authority to provide domestic public cellular radio telecommunications service in parts of RSA No. 8 as indicated by the Company's Application is hereby granted.

2. That the Company shall apply its tariff as submitted to the service that it shall render in RSA No. 8.

3. That the interim authority granted herein shall expire when the FCC terminates the interim authority that it granted to the Company in this case.

4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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